

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0043

Livestock diseases.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to contagious and infectious diseases;
2 providing for sale of cattle or domestic bison infected
3 with or exposed to brucellosis; amending the payment for
4 the slaughter of livestock affected with tuberculosis;
5 providing for brucellosis testing and surveillance as
6 specified; providing a penalty; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-19-406 is created to read:

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13 **11-19-406. Sale of diseased cattle or domestic bison.**

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15 All cattle or domestic bison in Wyoming lawfully found to
16 be affected with brucellosis, including all sexually intact

1 cattle or domestic bison that are part of a herd found to
2 be affected with brucellosis, may be shipped or transported
3 under the direction of the state veterinarian to livestock
4 markets and sold for immediate slaughter or transferred to
5 an approved slaughter facility in accordance with federal
6 regulations.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-19-214 and 11-19-405 by creating
9 new subsections (c) through (f) are amended to read:

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11 **11-19-214. Sale of diseased livestock.**

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13 All ~~cattle~~ livestock in Wyoming lawfully found to be
14 affected with ~~either tuberculosis or Bang's disease~~ may be
15 shipped or transported under the direction of the state
16 veterinarian in accordance with federal regulations, to
17 livestock markets and there sold for salvage and destroyed
18 or transferred to an approved slaughter facility in
19 accordance with federal regulations. The owner of condemned
20 ~~cattle~~ livestock shall ~~receive the entire proceeds for such~~
21 sale be paid the difference between the market value at the
22 time of quarantine and the amount received for the sale,
23 less any amount of reimbursement provided for and paid
24 under federal law or regulation, less the cost of shipping

1 or transportation and commission charges. ~~If the net~~
2 ~~salvage obtained from the cattle does not equal their~~
3 ~~assessed valuation for the year preceding the date of~~
4 ~~condemnation and shipping, the difference between the sale~~
5 ~~monies and the assessed valuation shall be paid to the~~
6 ~~owner of the cattle from an appropriation for that purpose.~~

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8 **11-19-405. Control of brucellosis; governor**
9 **authorized to negotiate with federal agencies.**

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11 (c) In the event of a confirmed outbreak of
12 brucellosis, the governor may authorize the state
13 veterinarian, with the approval of the Wyoming livestock
14 board, to require brucellosis testing of all test eligible
15 bovine or domestic bison at the farm or ranch of origin or
16 any licensed Wyoming livestock market prior to a change of
17 ownership for a period of up to eighteen (18) months. At
18 the end of the required testing period, the state
19 veterinarian shall review the testing requirement and may
20 reimpose brucellosis testing for one (1) or more successive
21 periods under this subsection if there is deemed a threat
22 to Wyoming's brucellosis free status or if the state is
23 designated as brucellosis class A or lower status.

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1 (d) The state veterinarian may direct any Wyoming
2 brand inspector to withhold a brand inspection for movement
3 or change of ownership to any person who has not shown
4 evidence of any required brucellosis test.

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6 (e) As part of the state brucellosis surveillance and
7 prevention program, the state veterinarian may require
8 brucellosis testing at any licensed Wyoming livestock
9 market at any time. Failure to comply shall result in a
10 suspension of the livestock market's license.

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12 (f) Any person who violates any provision of this
13 section shall be punished as provided by W.S. 11-1-103.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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